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TELECOM FACILITIES IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of the Union Government for providing communication facilities in the rural areas;

(b) the total number of villages in all the districts of Karnataka wherein wireless and local loop services have been provided;

(c) the number of villages wherein communication facilities have not been provided; and

(d) the reasons for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is providing telecommunication facilities to the villages through Village Public Telephones (VPTs) which are provided by using Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) / Landline Technologies.

(b) WLL services have been provided in 2,983 villages of karnataka.

(c) & (d) Communication facilities have been provided in all the villages of Karnataka through landline/WLL/MARR etc.

2,132 VPTs on Multi-Access Radio Relay (MARR) technology are planned to be replaced by WLL/landline phones with support from Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund.